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SUBJECT: TOUR D'HORIZON AT MFA PRESS DIVISION

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1. MFA PRESS DIVISION CHIEF V.N. SOFINSKIY, RESPONDING TO SUGGESTION BY PRESS AND CULTUREAL COUNSELOR DURING TOUR D'HORIZON CALL JAN. 30, AGREED TO MEET WITH RESIDENT U.S. CORRESPONDENTS MID-MARCH TO DISCUSS PRE-SUMMIT STORY POSSIBILITIES. SECOND, FOLLOW-UP MEETING PROJECTED CLOSER TO SUMMIT AS WAS DONE IN SPRING 1974 PER P&C SUGGESTION.

2. RELATED SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETINGS WILL BE ASTP COVERAGE. SOFINSKIY SAID HE EXPECTS TO BE DESIGNATED HEAD OF HOTEL INTOURIST PRESS CENTER, PENDING BREZHNEV-FORD SUMMIT TIMING.

3. COUNSELOR SUPPORTED NY TIMES BUREAU CHIEF WREN'S COMPLAINT OF SEIZING OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES JAN. 4 FROM NEWLY-ARRIVED CORRESPONDENT JANES F. CLARITY, NOTING NO RECEIPT GIVEN (REFTEL). SOFINSKIY, OUT SICK UNTIL JAN. 28, CLAIMED IGNORANCE OF INCIDENT AND PROMISED TO CHECK. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT RAISE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDINGLY WITH SOVIET EMBASSY. REQUEST ADVISE.

4. COUNESLOR RAISED ONCE MORE REQUEST FOR MULTIPLE EXIT-ENTRY VISAS FOR CORRESPONDENTS. SOFINSKIY, ACKNOWLEDGING THIS STILL A PROBLEM, CHANGED SUBJECT WITHOUT FURTHER RESPONSE.

5. SOFINSKIY SAID HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER OF THANKS FROM WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY NESSEN AND ASSISTANT ROSENBERGER FOR COOPERATION AT VLADIVOSTOK AND ASKED US TO RESPOND TO THEM ACCORDINGLY.LETTER FOLLOWS TO NESSEN

6. FYI, VOA PROMOTIONAL NOTEBOOK PRESENTED, AND ACCEPTED WITH THANKS BY SOFINSKIY, WHO REQUESTED COPY OF BOOK "KHRUSHCHEV REMEMBERS." COPY SENT.
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